OFFICIAL DECEMBER HARVEST FORECAST, 1929-30.

Theat 23.	600,000 (26,826,0	94)Bushels. Ave	rage 6.67(7.	79) Bushels.
		Estimated 1929-30	Actual 1928-29	Mean 5 seasons to 1928-29.
	AREAS	CROPPE	D •	во «Тило» в почения выпраждавания выписания почения почения почения выписания выписани
111 Purposes.	Wheat Barley Oats Total	Acres 3,930,000 295,000 540,000 4.765,000	Acres 3,775,601 258,570 456,038 4,490,209	Acres 3,134,061 235,423 442,419 3,811,903
for Grain.	Wheat Barley Oats	3,540,000 280,000 285,000	3,445,563 247,348 207,266	2,824,165 225,827 173,949
For Hay.	Wheat Oats Total W. & O.	320,000 220.00Ω 540,000	270,805 218,140 488,945	273,525 238.003 511,528
	PRODUCTION -	TOTAL YIELDS A	ND AVERAGES.	
Divisions.		Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
Central Lower North Upper North South Eastern Western Murray Mallee		5,350,000 (10.70) 8,050,000 (10.52) 1,050,000 (4.12) 1,000,000 (22.22) 5,200,000 (5.15) 2,950,000 (3.06) 23,600,000	6,580,400 (11.74) 8,816,638 (11.24) 1,684,280 (6.34) 904,067 (19.54) 3,184,612 (3.66) 5,656,097 (6.17) 26,826,094	6,824,320 (13.55) 10,735,116 (14.33) 2,014,517 (8.77) 622,389 (18.20) 4,358,076 (6.64) 4,562,091 (7.01) 29,116,509
Total BARLEY Total		(6.67) 4,200,000	(7.79) 4,583,715	(10.31)
OATS Total		(15.00) 2,100,000 (7.37)	(18.53) 1,740,515 (8.40)	(17.23) 1,716,037 (9.87)
Wheat Oate		tons 285,000 200,000 485,000 (0.90)	tons 280;174 194,188 474,362 (0.97)	tons 336,695 225,143 561,838 (1.10)

Method of Estimating.

Acreage Sown - Particulars are obtained from every farmer as to the

Yield - The wheat areas are divided into approximately 500 Districts and general reports are obtained from Police Officers in each of these districts together with a large number of definite advices from individual farmers in each District. These latter represented 20% of the total area under crop.

Tabulation of Reports - Details are written up for each of the Districts and an estimate obtained. These in turn are grouped into Counties and the Counties into Divisions, the State Total being the aggregate

of the Divisions.

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